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## **General Comment**

After the Parity legislation was enacted, I called to request a Psychiatrist for my Bi-polar son. They laughed. They told me that in order for Parity to work, his company, Echostar, or DishNetwork, had to OFFER mental health benefits in order for it to be equal under the law....and since they never offered mental health benefits, they were exempt!

Dish Network has a self-funded plan. They have over 500 employees.